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Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of the Alaska Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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These changes were made in response to Governor Dunleavy's Administrative Order 360 to clarify obligations, remove redundant or outdated information, reduce costs, streamline procedures, or improve transparency.

1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 60.010. Application for licensure by examination

• The proposed regulation changes will update the regulation references for the examinations. These are conforming changes.

12 AAC 60.100. Frequency of state examination

• The proposed regulation changes will repeal requirements regarding the State Law and Ethics Examination (SLEE). The requirement for the SLEE is being removed to remove a significant barrier to licensure.

12 AAC 60.110. Examinations

• The proposed changes will update the examination section to remove the SLEE, and to clarify that the examination required for licensure is the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP).

12 AAC 60.120. Identification of applicant

• The proposed changes will repeal this section. This section contains information regarding the SLEE which is now outdated as the SLEE is being removed.

12 AAC 60.140. Passing scores

• The proposed changes will simplify and streamline language regarding what is considered a passing score for the EPPP, and will remove outdated language regarding the SLEE.

12 AAC 60.150. Review and regrading of examination

• The proposed changes will repeal this section. This section contains information regarding the SLEE which is now outdated as the SLEE is being removed.

12 AAC 60.230. Appearance required for reinstatement of professional privileges

• The proposed changes will repeal this section to remove outdated information on reinstatement of professional privileges.

12 AAC 60.260. Hours of continuing education required

• The proposed changes will simplify, streamline, and clarify the new requirements for continuing education for renewals. The hours have been reduced for the first biennial renewal for certain licensees, and the language has been condensed for ease of understanding.

12 AAC 60.290. Accepted subjects

• The proposed change will update an outdated statutory reference in this section, and will simplify language.

12 AAC 60.300. Approved nonacademic continuing education programs

• The proposed changes will remove outdated language, and outdated effective dates, and will simplify language. These changes will remove burdensome requirements for continuing education hours, including removing the requirement for live interactive courses. These changes will also allow licensees to gain continuing education by virtually attending a board meeting and will explain the process to do so.

12 AAC 60.310. Individual study

• The proposed changes will update a regulation reference, and will repeal the requirement for only half of continuing education hours to be received via individual study. This will allow licensees to gain as many hours as preferred via individual study.

12 AAC 60.340. Reinstatement

• The proposed regulation change will delegate authority to the division to reinstate certain licenses, and will simplify the continuing education documentation to be sent in for reinstatement.

12 AAC 60.350. Report of continuing education

• The proposed regulation changes will simplify the continuing education documentation required for renewal, and will remove duplicative language in regulation.

12 AAC 60.405. Eligibility to practice telepsychology

• The proposed changes will repeal the telepsychology requirements to remove additional burden from licensees.

2. What are the positive and negative impacts of these regulation changes?

The proposed changes to remove the State Law and Ethics Examination will have a positive impact by removing a barrier to licensure, and will remove significant cost for travel and lodging for examinees who will no longer be required to travel to Anchorage to sit for the examination. These changes will also remove administrative time and cost. Updating the language for the EPPP passing scores will allow for the regulations to remain up to date, even if the national exam administrator modifies the number of questions on the examination. These will all have positive impacts.

The proposed changes to update the continuing education requirements will streamline the continuing education process for licensees. Removing these stringent reporting processes, removing redundancy, and adding clarity will reduce the time for an applicant to complete a renewal application. The reduced hours for certain first time renewals and removing the live interactive requirement will also reduce the burden for licensees. These will all have positive impacts.

No negative impacts are expected.

3. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

There are no known costs to implement these changes.

4. Do I still have to provide confirmation of completing required continuing education hours?

Yes.

5. Are continuing education certificates required for renewal of license?

They are not required with your renewal application, but all certificates should be saved as these will be required if a licensee is under a random audit.

6. Is telepsychology continuing education still required?

Per the code of ethics, education is required prior to engaging in specific practice, no matter the category of practice. The removal of this requirement from regulation is to reduce redundancy in regulation.

7. Am I still required to receive live interactive continuing education hours?

No.

8. Who are appropriate sponsors for continuing education courses?

Sponsoring organization approved by the American Psychological Associate Association, or other similar organizations pertaining to psychology representing mental or behavioral health professions.

9. How many continuing education hours (CEs) will I need for each renewal?

For the first renewal – 0 CEs if licensed for less than 12 months; 20 CEs with three hours in professional ethics if licensed for more than 12 months but less than 24 months; 40 CEs with three hours in professional ethics if licensed for more than two years.

For a second or subsequent biennial renewal – 40 CEs including three hours in professional ethics.

10. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulations as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations go to the Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves the regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. The regulations take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

Do you have a question that is not answered here? Please email RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov so it can be added.